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Division of Workers' Compensation posts updated workers' compensation information system regulations to online forum for public comment

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted its proposed updated workers' compensation information system (WCIS) regulations to an online forum where members of the public may review and comment on the proposal. The proposed regulations will update the two WCIS implementation guides (the California EDI implementation guide for first and subsequent reports of injury and the California EDI implementation guide for medical bill payment records), refine the list of required data elements and establish reporting procedures for medical bills paid by a lump sum following the filing of a lien with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

The proposed updated WCIS regulations are authorized by Labor Code section 138.6, which requires the DWC administrative director to develop a cost-efficient workers' compensation information system whose electronic data collection standards are compatible with those developed by the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC). The proposed changes are in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, sections 9701 and 9702.

The DWC obtained valuable input in the process of developing the proposal from the WCIS trading partners (those entities currently submitting electronic data to WCIS), claims administrators subject to the regulations and the IAIABC.

The forum can be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Wcjudicial.htm>. Please click on "current forums" at the top of the page. Comments will be accepted at the forum through October 31, 2007. Please feel free to participate in this important process.

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